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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures,

OF THE

TOWN OF DEERING,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR, ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1863,

TOGETHER WITH THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEES' REPORT.

MANCHESTER, N. H.:
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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of Deering report to the Auditors of the amount of taxes assessed and disposition of the same for the year 1862.

The whole amount of taxes assessed except the resident highway, is		$3477 17
Paid State tax,	240 80	
County tax,	469 51	
School tax,	614 83	
Raised to defray Town charges and pay Town debts,	1500 00	
Non-resident and Summer highway tax,	39 48	
Raised for breaking roads,	500 00	
" by assessment to answer abatements,	112 55	
Aggregate,		$3477 17

ISAAC SMITH,
SAMUEL H. JONES,
CHESTER A. APPLETON,
Selectmen of Deering.

Deering, Feb. 18, 1863.

REPORT

of the Auditors of the Town of Deering, for the year ending Feb. 18, 1863. The Town in account with Horace Gove, Treasurer:

By Balance of last year's settlement,		1779 78
Amount of assessments,		2766 86
Rec'd of George Smart, Overseer of Poor, in '62,		300 00
" " " "		156 00
James S. Ellenwood		2 00
William T. Smith, interest,		27
Selectmen,		675 00
Andrew J. Lock,		44 00
" " interest		55
" " literary fund,		53 19
Selectmen,		160 00
David Bass, Jr. Overseer of Poor,		129 00
" " " "		70 00
From the State Soldiers' Aid,		36 57
Selectmen,		90 00
William T. Smith, interest,		3 70
Rail Road tax of 1861,		4 63

Selectmen,	125 00	
"	430 00	
"	400 00	
"	50 00	
"	950 00	
David Bass, Overseer of Poor, 36 00-50 58,	86 58	
Selectmen, rail-road tax,	5 60	
		$8318 73

Which the Treasurer accounts for as follows:

SCHOOL ORDERS.

District No. 1, Almon Putney,	28 00	
" "	49 74	
2, John C. Barnes,	28 00	
" "	61 56	
3, Ebenezer M. Colby,	16 50	
" "	30 70	
4, Matthew Dickey,	25 00	
" "	58 95	
5, William C. Whitaker,	30 00	
" "	57 91	
6, Solomon Bartlett,	12 00	
" "	33 89	
7, Gawn Mills,	15 00	
" "	40 88	
8, David F. Wilson,	15 00	
" "	47 71	
9, James M. Appleton,	24 00	
" "	47 90	
10, David F. Whittle,	27 00	
11, Josiah Bartlett,	15 05	
Henry Lovejoy,	41	
Francis G. Glonson,	2 82	
		$668 02

TOWN ORDERS.

Paid Joshua Downing, Abatement of tax for 1861,	7 37	
Isaac Smith, for blanks,	10 03	
William B. Crane, abatement of tax, 1861,	50	
William T. Smith, " D. Bailey's tax,	7 50	
Samuel T. Travis, Highway Surveyor,	1 50	
John C. Barnes, abatement of tax,	4 25	
John Gove, " " poll tax, 1860,	2 09	
William Dickey, " for 1860,	2 09	
Herod Chase, for trustees of High School,	60 00	
Isaac Smith, expenses to Concord,	7 57	

Paid Almon Putney, for breaking roads,	10 40
John Patten, " "	2 23
Charles Shepherd, " "	6 57
Richard Manahan, " "	3 23
George Smart, " "	4 92
Charles Kentfield, " "	6 62
Rodney Gove, " "	8 27
Benjamin F. Loveren, "	10 80
Josiah Bartlett, " "	2 00
Francis Gould, " "	2 38
Francis G. Glawson, " and repairing roads,	7 65
Freeman Dow. repairing highway,	5 00
Augustus Wilson, abatement of tax,	2 00
William T. Smith, for breaking roads,	18 95
Isaac Smith, services as Selectman,	29 50
James S. Allenwood, "	30 00
" " for boarding, "	3 00
Isaac Smith to Manchester twice, to take counsel on the Hadey Road, and attending court on said road,	6 50
William a Muzzey, S. S. Committee,	27 00
William W. Codman, for labor on Poor Farm, for 1861,	12 50
David Bass, for sundry pauper bills,	50 00
" " " "	40 00
Sewell Brown, breaking roads, 1857,	13 80
John C. Barnes, abatement of Winter tax,	75
George Smart, Overseer of Poor,	35 25
Isaac N. Cochran, for breaking roads,	15 48
Andrew J. Lock, as Treasurer,	10 00
David Bass, hay for Town Farm,	25 00
Samuel H. John, services as Selectman,	25 50
Jonathan Peasley, abatement of tax, 1861,	1 60
Danbridge Buttrick, for plank, "	4 77
Campbell & Harriman, printing,	16 00
Benjamin L. Bartlett, note interest,	71 43
Eben N. Colby, breaking roads,	3 46
Reed P. Whittemore, abatement of tax,	1 98
Abigail Wilkins, " "	1 61
Andrew J. Lock, repairing Pound,	30
Lewis Goodale, as Town Clerk and blanks,	18 56
Matthew Dickey, for breaking roads,	2 75
George Smart, store bill, 1860,	90
Horace Gove, Auditor, "	3 00
George Smart, for Abigail Wilkins,	3 38
William T. Smith, labor on highway,	20
David F. Whittle, breaking roads,	10 94

Paid Jonathan G. Morrill, " "	8	00
Josiah Bartlett, " "	10	24
Chester A. Appleton, repairing highway,	12	57
Joseph Kennedy, " "	15	43
Danbridge Buttrick, repairing bridge,	6	25
James S. Allenwood, opening road, 1860,	2	00
John P. Richardson, repairing bridge,		50
Nathan Codman, " roads,	5	00
George Smart, for labor on Town Farm,	6	25
Zadore P. Hastings, for land to repair roads,	1	00
Luther Robbins, abatement of tax, 1861,	2	26
David Bass, Jr. sundry pauper bills,	115	00
William D. Owens, as Surveyor of highway,	1	25
John Bartlett, over tax, "	1	24
Joseph H. Loveren, for bridge plank,	3	29
Jonas Lawrence, abatement of tax, 1860,		79
Horace Philbrick, for horse, "	40	00
David Bass, Jr. sundry poor bills,	75	00
Mary Kelly, abatement of tax, 1861,	1	12
Leonard Morse, " " 1860,	2	24
R. E. Otis, repairing roads, "		50
Samuel H. John, for boarding Selectmen,	3	00
Samuel Traverce, abatement of tax, 1860,	2	09
Gawn W. Mills, for breaking roads,	9	26
John Bartlett, note and interest,	795	55
Andrew J. Lock, breaking roads,	16	45
W. C. Whitaker, " "	7	70
George W. Colby, " "	8	35
Horace Gove, for stationery,		50
John ——breaking roads,	1	35
Artemas White, repairing bridge,	1	25
Charles H. Clement, for breaking roads,	5	20
Ira S. Appleton, repairing bridge,	3	80
Bartlett S. Brown, repairing road,	9	50
George Smart, for the support of Jerry Hobson, for 1861,	13	00
David Bass, Jr., poor orders,	70	93
" " "	10	02
Chester A. Appleton, abatement of tax, on Town Farm,	19	06
S. Dow, abatement of tax,	2	24
Horace Gove, for interest,	5	40
Aggregate amount of town orders,		——$1953 36

BOUNTIES PAID TO SOLDIERS.

Paid Elbridge D. Hadley,	150 00	
Samuel E. Thornton,	150 00	
Horace Ellenwood,	150 00	
George A. Brocklebank,	150 00	
Simon J. Crane,	150 00	
Solomon J. Crane,	150 00	
Robert M. W. Selley,	150 00	
Oliver G. Clough,	150 00	
Francis G. Glawson,	125 00	
William Norris,	125 00	
Luther T. Hastings,	125 00	
Richard McAlister,	125 00	
Othnal D. Fairbanks,	125 00	
James Winston,	125 00	
John O. Dinsmore,	125 00	
Charles Gould,	125 00	
James Chase,	125 00	
Albert M. Heath,	125 00	
George H. Mitchell,	125 00	
Leonard Morse,	125 00	
		$2770 00
Paid to families of volunteers, (State aid,)	410 57	

RESIDENT HIGHWAY RECEIPTS FOR BREAKING ROADS.

Paid David F. Whittle,	8 26
Thomas Whittle,	53
John Baker,	2 64
Samuel H. Jones,	5 28
Mary Chase,	55
D. F. & J. B. Brown,	3 00
Sarah Ross,	60
William F. Wilkins,	58
Russell Tubbs,	6 65
William Forsaith,	3 47
Alvin Tubbs,	53
John A. White,	53
Nathan White,	1 44
William Travis,	3 27
Humphrey Peasley,	3 94
David McAllister,	1 23
Hiram Cochran.	3 22
Thomas P. Whittle,	53
James W. Murdow,	6 19
Lewis Goodale,	7 64
Stephen C. Downing,	70

Paid Henry Appleton,	5 85
Jonathan G. Morrill,	6 71
Samuel Gregg,	7 74
Joseph Gitchell,	99
John P. Richardson,	1 08
Mark Manahan,	75
Richard Manahan,	5 02
Horace G. Manahan,	53
Clough & McKonnel,	8 91
S. S. Clement,	10 73
Charles Gould,	58
William B. Crane,	47
Cynthia Kentfield,	59
Amos Kentfield,	73
John W. Ryan,	20
Zadoc P. Hastings,	3 92
Moses Codman,	2 91
John W. Twist	2 47
Nathan Codman,	53
Charles Sargent,	55
Mary F. Carter,	64
Andrew A. Wilkins,	4 82
James T. Forsaith,	5 29
David F. Wilson,	5 31
William D. Wilson,	1 51
David Wilson,	19 46
Daniel Richardson,	53
George W. Burne,	4 90
Levi White,	4 48
Otis W. Gove,	1 56
Horace Gove,	11 92
James Lock,	2 95
Alfred Lock,	53
Betsey W. A. Sweetser,	1 55
Chester A. Appleton,	53
John L. Ellsworth,	1 16
James H. Preston,	30
Moses H. Chase,	1 06
Oliver G. Clough,	30
James M. Palmer,	1 18
Solomon J. Crane,	80
Albert M. Heath & William Heaths' heirs,	45
John O. Clark,	79
James Winchton,	53
Town Farm,	5 53
Samuel Crain,	69
Asa Goodnoe,	4 54

Paid Hollis Kendall,	57
Hartwell Crane,	1 43
William T. Smith,	3 78
David Bass, Jr.,	7 63
John F. Chase,	97
Isaac Permelia and William T. Smith,	6 19
Ephraim Fuller,	4 35
Samuel Wilson,	3 78
Josiah Drake,	53
Herod Chase,	7 37
E. W. Barnes.	2 56
Abial C. Gregg,	44
George Downing,	2 58
Josiah Loveren,	9 63
Isaac N. Cochran,	2 98
Christy and William A. Gregg,	9 06
Charles Joslyn,	2 53
William Manahan,	4 50
Almon Putney,	9 35
Francis G. Glanson,	3 79
Martin V. B. Wyman,	1 53
Daniel Wyman,	3 83
Daniel Simons,	1 11
Joseph Kenedy,	5 13
William Norris,	53
Charles Mitchell,	53
Edward Buttrick,	1 68
Freeman Dow,	9 87
Josiah Bartlett,	2 81
Samuel T. Travice,	82
Gilman Travice,	1 21
Elijah B. Brown,	62
Samuel Travice,	45
Lemuel Morse,	56
Hiram H. Whitaker,	1 92
Nehemiah Whitaker,	5 71
John Bartlett and Son,	11 28
Nathan Cunningham,	53
John Patten and Sons,	8 88
Joseph Kimball,	4 40
Stephen H. Carr,	3 62
James M. Appleton,	6 75
Milton McCary,	4 03
Isaac Currier and Son,	7 59
Caroline Chase,	3 08
Phebe Dow,	1 02

Paid Robert M. W. Selly,	1	01
Artemas White,	2	37
Edmond Woods,	3	25
Enoch H. Bartlett,		89
George W. Bartlett,	7	38
C. H. P. Bartlett,	3	09
Mark M. Hadley,		53
Sarah Malinda and Marinda Morrill,	2	64
Enoch Hadley,	2	28
Solomon Bartlett,	6	35
Bartlett Simons,	6	95
Luke Otis,		53
Sarah Gove,		95
Jessee Brown,	2	78
Charles Kentfield,	3	71
Erastus H. Bartlett,	8	40
Gilman Whitaker,	1	05
Hiram Stevens,	1	03
Elijah Clough,	1	93
Moses Chase,		51
Charles Shepherd,	4	18
Ira S. Appleton,	7	03
William Gipson,		53
William D. Owens,		68
Noah C. Ferry,	2	06
Charles H. Clement,		84
Francis Gould,	2	77
David Clough,		44
James Whitaker,	1	51
Rodney Gove,	2	09
Henry Gove,		53
Samuel Gove,	5	43
Joseph N. Gove,	5	97
Francis M. Wilkins,		67
James P. Ferry,		97
S. B. & R. E. Otis,	5	57
George Smart,	4	20
John Dickey,	4	91
Matthew Dickey,		53
Oliver N. Ellsworth,		59
Lucy Ellsworth,		50
Joshua C. Muzzey,	4	76
Albert Hadlock,	4	94

Paid Horace D. Ferson,	1 94
Lucy B. Ferson,	2 15
James S. Ellenwood,	5 57
Samuel Mills,	3 62
Gawn N. Mills,	5 02
Witter Wilson,	2 86
John O. Dinsmore,	1 90
Adam D. Mills,	53
Jonathan G. Chase,	6 57
James Fulton,	7 62
Thomas A. Merrill,	5 90
Sewell Brown,	1 82
Dana B. Hadlock,	6 29
Levi Brown,	1 82
Daniel Paige,	4 60
Robert W. Buttrick,	1 75
Danbridge Buttrick,	1 75
Russell Martin,	53
Hiram Brown,	4 98
Dow & Hill,	2 94
William B. Walker,	73
Charles F. Gove,	10 54
Hannah Jane Gove,	22
Ruben & Son,	12 37
Joseph H. Loveren,	3 43
Hilliard Loveren,	4 02
F. B. Loveren,	4 19
Augustus Wilson,	10 89
Robert Wilson,	30
Adam Dickey,	53
George M. Colby,	2 82
Luther Cheney,	5 37
John B. Phelps,	3 89
Joseph Ellenwood,	2 03
William A. Muzzey,	61
Andrew J. Lock,	1 73
Levi W. Goodale,	4 51
Bartlett S. Brown,	1 00
Richard Clement,	5 66
Richard McAllister,	53
Nathaniel Colby,	6 75
Elbridge F. Mitchell,	2 70
Matthew Forsaith,	6 83

James H. Forsaith,	86	
James White,	1 34	
		$661 51

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY RECEIPTS.

Squire M. Patten,	65	
Hiram Patten,	96	
Horace Eaton,	1 53	
Willard Eaton,	44	
Charles Nelson,	1 08	
David Bailey's heirs,	2 22	
Mary Chase,	1 51	
Rodney Wilkin's heirs,	1 17	
Francis Grimes,	36	
William McKean's heirs,	24	
John Goodhue,	1 56	
Isaiah Sweetser,	54	
Ira Cochran,	4 14	
		$16 40

OUTSTANDING DEBTS AGAINST THE TOWN IN NOTES.

Trustee's Academy Note,	1040 00	
David Clough, note and interest,	225 01	
William Manahan, " "	167 26	
" " " "	230 83	
Milton McCay, " "	329 80	
Samuel H. Jones, " "	112 36	
William Manahan, " "	330 72	
Joseph N. Gove, " "	705 37	
Charles Joslyn, " "	91 87	
Clark Roach, " "	127 60	
Samuel Wood, " "	438 95	
James Wood, " "	408 33	
Edward Buttrick, " "	50 83	
Milton McCay, " "	164 00	
David Bass, Jr., " "	965 83	
Francis G. Glawson,	100 83	
		$5489 59
Estimated outstanding and unsettled accounts against the Town,	550 00	

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received into the Treasury,		8318 73
Paid School orders,	668 02	
Town orders,	1953 36	
Bounty voted to soldiers,	2700 00	
Families of Volunteers, State aid,	410 57	
Resident highway receipts,	661 51	
Non-resident " "	16 40	
		$6409 86
Amount in the Treasury,	1908 87	
Due from the State aid to families of volunteers,	374 00	
		$2282 87
Amount of notes against the Town,	5489 59	
Estimated outstanding and unsettled accounts against the Town,	550 00	
		$6039 59
Deducting the amount in the Treasury and the amount due from the State, leaves the Town in debt		$3756 72

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find the same duly vouched and correctly cast.

GEORGE SMART,
HEROD CHASE,
BARTLETT SIMONS, } *Auditors.*

Deering, Feb. 18, 1863.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF POOR.

Inventory of stock, provisions, &c., on Town Farm, as appraised by Selectmen, Feb. 16, 1863.

1 pair oxen,	110 00	
2 " three years old steers,	111 00	
5 cows,	120 00	
3 three years old heifers,	60 00	
16 sheep,	75 00	
1 horse,	65 00	
1 hog,	12 00	
9 hens,	3 00	
		$556 00

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

14 tons English hay,	140 00	
1 " meadow "	5 00	
40 bushels corn,	40 00	
16 " oats,	8 00	
8 " wheat,	16 00	
2 " beans,	4 00	
1 barrel pork,	22 00	
75 pounds pork,	6 00	
1 barrel ham,	15 00	
85 bushels Orino potatoes,	25 50	
Lot of ashes,	2 00	
2-3 barrel beef,	9 00	
3 " soap,	12 00	
20 pounds cheese,	2 40	
1 barrel cider and 4 cider barrels,	5 00	
25 pounds candles,	3 75	
30 pounds butter,	6 00	
44 1-2 " lard,	5 34	
24 " dried apple,	1 20	
1 " tea, 1 00, 7 pounds sugar,	1 84	
1 " snuff, 42, 1 bag salt,	67	
1-2 gross matches, 25, 7 yds. sheeting,	3 05	
16 yards print, 3 20, 22 prs. feeting,	12 00	
		$345 75

FARMING TOOLS, &C.

2 carts,	50 00	
1 horse rake,	1 50	
1 grind stone, 4 plows, 1 cultivator, 1 grain cradle, 2 scythes and snaths, lot of old scythes, 1 whiffletree and chain, hay riging and 2 harrows,	22 00	
1 sleigh, buffalo robe, 2 harnesses,	32 00	
1 wagon, 6 00; 2 ox sleds, 3 50,	9 50	
1 plow foot, 1 00; 2 shovels, 125,	2 25	
6 ox yokes, 9 00; 4 hoes, 100,	10 00	
4 hay forks, 2 manure forks,	3 00	
4 chains, 600; 2 iron bars, 2 50	8 50	
2 wood saws, 1 wheel-barrow,	1 25	
1 beetle, 2 wedges, 1 00; 6 hay rakes,	1 75	
8 axes, 3 25; 1 auger, 1 square, 50,	3 75	
1 cheese-press, 1 00; 9 casks, 1 12,	2 12	

1 molasses keg, 75, clock, lantern and steelyards, 5 00,	5 75	
Lot of lumber, 8 00; lot of shingles,	8 50	
6 baskets, 75; 1 suction pump, 1 00,	1 75	
		$163 62

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

5 beds and bedding,	28 00	
2 feather beds,	10 00	
9 pair sheets,	13 50	
7 " pillow-cases,	2 10	
10 bed blankets,	3 00	
4 tables, 175; 1 broom, 28,	2 03	
11 chairs, 2 00; crockery and tin ware,	7 00	
4 meal bags, 67; churn, 2 00; cutlery,	3 67	
Wooden ware,	3 00	
12 butter tubs, 3 00; cheese basket, 25,	3 25	
Sundries in attic,	2 00	
1 spinning wheel, 50; 1 toilet table,	1 00	
2 chests, 1 50; 2 dining tables, 1 00,	2 50	
Furniture in south-east room,	3 00	
1 stove and funnel, 5 00; 3 stoves and furniture, 27 00,	32 00	
1 pair flat-irons, 50; 2 pair shovels and tongs,	1 50	
10 lights glass, 9x12, 50; 3 wash-tubs,	2 00	
2 wash-pounders, 40; 1 cheese-tub,	1 40	
		$120 95

RECAPITULATION.

Live stock,	556 00	
Provisions and produce,	345 75	
Farming Tools,	163 62	
Household Furniture,	120 95	
		$1186 32

Received for articles sold and other income of Farm.

1 pair oxen,	120 00
1 " "	86 00
12 lambs,	25 50
5 sheep,	11 25
8 pigs,	12 00
5 calves,	16 95

1 rooster,		33
505 1-2 lbs. butter,		90 28
76 doz. eggs,		9 25
78 pairs feeting,		33 20
10 1-4 lbs. yarn,		12 75
1150 feet oak logs,		14 95
Received for support of Mrs. James,		52 00
Due the farm for " "		6 00
25 bushels oats,		12 50
31 1-4 " potatoes,		12 50
1 beef hide,		3 52
1 sheeps pelt,		1 25
8 1-2 lbs. rolls,		5 21
15 " lard,		1 85
Keeping sheep,		7 25
Keeping pedlers,		3 72
Letting horse,		93
J. H. Preston's bill,		1 58
Labor off Farm,		58
For use of common,		75
		$542 10

EXPENDITURES OF FARM.

1 pair oxen,	110 00
L. C. Ring, for haying,	24 22
" " chopping,	1 87
" " " and sledding, &c.	6 50
J. Clark, 2 butter firkins,	50
Prentiss & Co., blacksmithing,	8 57
A. Mack, repairing axes,	54
J. Newman, mending lead pipe,	58
G. Smart, blacksmithing,	3 55
J. Barnes, for labor,	2 75
G. Smart, balance on account,	57
J. H. Preston, making cart body and filing saws,	1 00
H. Crane, for labor,	75
Store bill,	87 85
Sundries bought of pedlers,	6 18
Snuff, rum, paregoric, salve, &c.,	5 51
12 bush. rye to sow, 3 bush. consumed,	13 55
Mending shoes,	50
7 bags meal,	10 00
1-2 lb. tea,	50

1 sleigh thill,		42
Mending tug, whip, &c.,		57
Expense at Amherst,		62
Lot Orino potatoes to plant,	3	50
Potatoes for family,		87
A. Barker, bringing J. Carpenter home,		75
J. H. Preston, filing saws,		17
M. Forsaith, thrashing grain,	2	85
Repairing clock and tin ware,		40
Carding rolls,	6	39
Funeral expenses of J. Peasley,	6	83
C. Kimball, for beef,	1	37
S. Gregg, making cider,		56
T. Gould, plow point,		50
J. Marcy & Co., saw bill,	1	63
D. Bass, Jr., for horse and wagon,	2	71
" " 3 bushels wheat to sow,	4	50
" " wagon body & run'ng part	3	00
" " sidehill plow,		25
" " keeping oxen,	3	72
" " 14 lbs. veal, rennet skin,		87
H. Crane, horse 8 days plowing for rye,	2	66
1 yoke, 30; Dr. Burnham recording births and deaths, 55,		85
Dr. Burnham, visits and medicine,	2	75
W. T. Smith, for assistance at J. Peasley's death,		50
D. Bass, Jr., expenses at Manchester and Amherst Court,	2	09
D. Bass, Jr., 8 letters, 24; F. Grimes for hay, 25 00,	25	24
D. Bass, Jr., buy'g & help'g move hay,	1	00
1 bbl. flour,	7	00
C. Wyman, lantern bought in 1859,		75
W. W. Codman, for labor,	215	00
		$585 81

EXPENDITURES OFF FARM.

Paid Chester A. Appleton for assistance rendered J. P. Richardson in sickness,	69 61	
Gilbert Small for support of Mrs. Lock,	40 00	
Enos Bailey,	26 51	
Hiram Parker, for Widow J. P. Carpenter, and five children,	65 00	
H. Parker for Dr.'s bill of J. P. Carpenter,	3 75	
		$204 87

No. of paupers off Farm, 8. Cost per week each, 31 2-3 cts.

Avails of Farm,	542 10	
Difference of appraisal in '62 and '63, in favor of 1863,	106 92	
		$649 02
Expenditures of Farm,		585 81
Credit of Farm after paying all bills,		$63 21

Number of paupers on Farm, 9, two of which belong to County. Average number during the year, 5 1-6.

Money in my hands, $65 79

It has been the custom not to appraise the wood on hand. There is now 22 cords of 3 foot wood and 1 1-2 solid cords fitted for the stove. The labor of which has cost $25 which should be accredited to the Farm, which might stimulate our men to get wood enough on hand so we could have dry wood the year round, which I consider a saving of one fourth when housed before it is very much seasoned. Economy should be our motto these times.

In regard to Mr. and Mrs. Codman's management, their works speak more than I have language to express. Mrs. Codman is not to be beaten in good management of household affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID BASS, JR., *Overseer of Poor.*

Deering, Feb. 19, 1863.

REPORT.

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting the Report of the condition of our Common Schools and of the advancement made by the pupils in them, during the past year, I have, first of all, gratefully to acknowledge the constant countenance and support from the parents and from the citizens generally of the town, which I have received in the discharge of my duties. My labor has thus been made very pleasant to myself, and I hope not without some profit to the town. And it is also due to the teachers to say, that, while without exception they have all seemed ready to receive, and, as far as they could, profit by any suggestion made to them; many of them have, besides, in various ways shown a disposition to derive all the advantages possible from the relations which we have sustained with each other.

It is an unpleasant duty, at best, to make that criticism of our schools which the law and the interests of the schools require. This duty has been rendered, it has seemed to me, needlessly embarrassing and disagreeable by the modern custom in this town, of criticising each teacher separately and sometimes at length. Moreover the desire is so strong to give to every teacher all the credit possible, and to touch as lightly as possible upon his or her defects, and there are such important reasons for doing this, that, after all, a true impression of the character of the school is not thus given. Nay, under the circumstances, it is so disagreeable to censure and so easy to praise, and praise is so much desired by each district for its own teacher, not to speak of other influences operating to pervert, that, if any decided impression is given, it is very hard to avoid giving quite a wrong idea of the real character of the school. Therefore, I do not deem it expedient to introduce into this Report what I conceive to have been the peculiar excellencies or the special defects of each school or teacher. I am not satisfied that such a course would enhance excellencies or remove defects. The visits made by the parents and guardians, if sufficiently numerous and made in the right spirit, will give better satisfaction on many points, than any descriptions which we could offer.

For the above, and for other as good reasons, I shall make my criticism of the schools no more particular than a regard for the good of the schools and for the law requires.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term.

Taught by Mirie Moore, of Manchester. This was Miss Moore's first attempt at teaching. At our first visit the school appeared well. We have not much knowledge of the advancement made, as there were but few scholars present at examination, and those mostly small. It is presumed, however, that good improvement was made. Whole No. of Scholars, 19.

The Winter money was expended in the Academy with very good success, as the scholars received the benefit of a greater number of weeks of schooling than they otherwise would. It is to be hoped that the experiment will be tried again. Whole amount of money, $77,74.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term.

Taught by Alice C. Cutler, of Sanbornton. Miss Cutler is admirably qualified for both governing and teaching. We were highly gratified with the general appearance of the school. Whole No. of Scholars, 25.

Winter Term.

Taught by Mary E. Barnes, of this town. Miss Barnes possesses many qualities requisite for an accomplished teacher, but owing to refractory pupils, her exertions did not meet with the success desirable. We can say that some of the recitations were of a high order, showing *marked* improvement, especially in Arithmetic and Algebra. Had good order and punctuality been enforced the school would have been more profitable to the District. We recommend that a male teacher be employed, and *better sustained* by the parents for the coming winter. Whole No. of Scholars, 24. Whole amount of money, $92,79.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term.

Taught by Maria A. Gove, of Weare. This was Miss Gove's first school. Considering the shortness of the term, as much was accomplished as could be expected. Good satisfaction was given. Whole No. of Scholars, 10.

Winter Term.

Taught by Becca B. Gove, of Weare. Miss Gove was very successful, and we can truly say it was a profitable school. Whole No. of Scholars, 8. Whole amount of money, $47,20.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer Term.

Taught by Julia A. Lovering, of this town. The school appeared very well, showing considerable progress to have been made. With a little more energy on the part of teacher and scholars, more might have been accomplished. Whole No. of Scholars, 14.

Winter Term.

Taught by Alfred Parker, of Antrim. This was Mr. Parker's second school, but being energetic and faithful, he accomplished much. We think the school was not only pleasant but profitable. Whole No. of Scholars, 20. Whole amount of money, $83,95.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term.

Taught by Martha A. Muzzey, of this town. This school consisted mostly of small scholars, but at our closing visit the scholars appeared wide awake. Improvement was manifested. Whole No. of Scholars, 27.

Winter Term.

Taught by Harvey G. Colby, of Weare. This was Mr. Colby's first attempt at teaching, who, with a little more experience, we have no doubt will become a successful teacher. If we had any fault to find, it would be lack of discipline and thoroughness. Whole No. of Scholars, 20. Whole amount of money, $87,91.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer Term.

Taught by Lydia Simons of this town. This was Miss Simons' first school, but quietness and industrious habits of study were the general characteristics of the school. The examination gave positive and gratifying proof that the labor here performed was a successful and profitable one. Whole No. of Scholars, 7.

Winter Term.

Taught by H. C. Ferry, of this town, is now in session but the experience of the teacher bespeaks a profitable school. Whole No. of Scholars, 14. Whole amount of money, $45,89.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term.

Taught by Hattie Wilkins, of Hillsborough. This school appeared very well at both our visits. Good progress was made in the studies pursued, especially Grammar and Parsing. Whole number of Scholars, 11.

WINTER TERM.

Taught by ELIZA A. GILLIS, of Bennington. This school commenced favorably, but on account of sickness the term was closed two weeks sooner than was intended. The committee failed to visit the school but once. The teacher remarks in her Register that the parents visited the school once less than the S. S. Com., therefore no one *ought* to find fault. Whole No. of Scholars, 11. Whole amount of money, $55,88.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM.

Taught by ELIZA A. GILLIS, of Bennington. This was Miss Gillis' third term in this district. She labored with her usual success. At the examination the school appeared in a prosperous condition.—Whole No. of Scholars, 10.

WINTER TERM.

Taught by MILTON C. FOSS, of Newport. Mr. Foss possesses a combination of qualities which must enter into the composition of every teacher who wishes to succeed in his calling, viz: a love for his work, aptness for imparting to others what he knows, untiring industry, &c. The progress made in the various studies attended to was very satisfactory. Whole No. of Scholars, 18. Whole amount of money, $62,71.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

SUMMER TERM.

Taught by ELLEN M. KENNEDY. Whole No. of Scholars, 17.

WINTER TERM.

Taught by HARRISON C. FERRY. This school is excelled by none in town in regularity of attendance and deportment of scholars.—There always seemed to be a perfect understanding between teacher and pupils, and at all times there was a readiness to impart instruction onone side and a willingness to receive it on the other. We consider both terms pre-eminently successful. Whole No. of Scholars, 23.—Whole amount of money, $71,90.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

ONE TERM.

Taught by SAMANTHA M. JONES, of this town. This was Miss Jones' first school, but with a little more experience she will become a very successful teacher. We consider the improvement very good, considering the number and age of the scholars. Whole No. of Scholars, 6.—Whole amount of money, $27.00.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

One Term.

Taught by Lucinda L. Clement, of this town. The school appeared as well as usual at our first visit, but not being notified of its close, did not visit it but once, but the experience and ability of the teacher are a sufficient guarantee of its success. Whole No. of Scholars, 7. Whole amount of money, $15,05.

CLOSING REMARKS.

In submitting the foregoing pages on the condition of our schools, we would respectfully offer a few suggestions:—

Many of the districts should provide more comfortable and inviting school-houses, and furnish them with such apparatus, the right use of which will greatly enhance the teachers' usefulness in conveying ideas distinctly to the mind of the pupil, thereby awakening in the child a spirit of inquiry which will "grow with his growth, and strengthen with his strength," and better fit him for the stern realities of life.

Reading and spelling are of primary importance, not only to public men, but also to ordinary business people. It is the basis of all other knowledge, for without it no progress can be made in art or science, no accurate information can be obtained of passing events beyond our own immediate field of observation.

Compared with the pupils of ordinary public schools, our scholars are good readers—yet there are not many *perfect* ones. There is too much monotony in many schools, too much mechanical action. The pupils are too often hurried over the lesson without assistance or explanation. They are *told* but not *shown* how to read. They are conscious of defects but are at a loss to know how to remedy them, and sometimes teachers are too indolent or too ignorant to teach them.

The first great requisite in a teacher is ability to govern. A pupil knows at a glance whether he is to rule or to obey. Teachers should have similar shrewdness. They cannot apply the same rules to all, though they *must* bring all under the same authority. Our teachers the past year have been well qualified, as far as book-knowledge is concerned, and if there has been any partial failure, it is in my opinion, to be attributed to the lack of discipline.

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REGISTERS.

There has been great improvement in the keeping and filling out of the Registers over last year. They are all perfect, or so nearly so that it is not worth while to find fault or criticise them. Our only hope of reform in our schools, lies not in anything that we have said or can say, but in the justness and magnitude of the cause; these we would commend to your careful consideration.

With these remarks we submit this somewhat tedious Report to the indulgent consideration of the thoughtful and generous.

WILLIAM A. MUZZEY, *Superintending School Com.*

Deering, N. H., Feb. 16, 1863.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of Districts.	Whole No. of different Scholars.	Summer. } Wages per month	Winter. } including Board.	No. of Female teachers employed.	No. of Male teachers employed.	Summer.—Length of school in weeks.	Winter.—Length of school in weeks.	No. of visits by S. Committee.	No. of visits by citizens and others.	Prudential Committee.
1	23	$12 50		1	0	9		2	8	Almon Putney.
2	27	13 00	$18 00	2	0	10	12	6	44	John C. Barnes.
3	12	11 00	14 00	2	0	6	8	4	27	Eben M. Colby.
4	22	10 64	25 00	1	1	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$	4	21	Matthew Dickey.
5	29	12 00	15 80	1	1	12	14	4	61	Wm. C. Whitaker.
6	15	10 00	20 00	1	1	8	9	3	24	Solomon Bartlett.
7	13	10 00	15 00	2	0	6	8	3	33	Gawn W. Mills.
8	20	12 50	22 00	1	1	8	$11\frac{1}{2}$	5	48	David F. Wilson.
9	29	12 00	26 00	1	1	$10\frac{1}{2}$	9	4	42	Madison Appleton.
10	6	8 00		1	0	13		2	21	David F. Whittle.
11	7	12 00		1	0	5		1	5	Josiah Bartlett.

Books Used. In Reading—Town's series. In Spelling—Town's Progressive. In Arithmetic—Greenleaf's, Adams', Colburn's and Holbrook's. In Grammar—Weld's and Wells'. In Geography—Colton's and Fitch's. Algebra—Davies' Elementary. History—Goodrich's United States.